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French Street and North Road (Longwood), Boston

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The Directors submit the following report for the two years ending Dec. 31, 1918:

HISTORICAL NOTE

HARRIET RYAN (afterward MRS. ALBEE) was born in Boston, March 5, 1829. In her youth she saw much of illness in her own family and assisted her mother in the care of helpless incurables. She was early compelled to earn her own living, and being of an exceptionally tender and sympathetic nature devoted herself and a large part of her earnings unselfishly to the care of chronic and helpless invalids. In the course of her daily rounds as a hairdresser she succeeded in obtaining sufficient encouragement in her benevolent task to enable her to secure the unoccupied vestry of Dr. Channing's church in Federal Street, where the Home was first opened in May, 1857. This soon proved inadequate for all the poor patients in need of her help, and in March, 1858, the Home was moved to 13 South Street, where it was incorporated as the Channing Home. In 1859 a fair was given in aid of the Home, for which poems were written by Nathaniel Langdon Frothingham, Oliver Wendell Holmes, James Russell Lowell and Ralph Waldo Emerson. On May 1, 1870, it was necessary to move to more commodious quarters at 30 McLean Street. Until her death on May 2, 1873, Harriet Ryan Albee never failed

in her devotion to the Home and actively directed its affairs.

A charming sketch of her life was written in 1901 by James De Normandie, D.D. The Home was again moved on Oct. 31, 1907, to its present location on the corner of Francis Street and Pilgrim Road (Longwood), Boston.

The institution has now completed more than a half century of existence and was the first of its kind to be established in this country. A comfortable home has already been given to more than eighteen hundred indigent women.

PURPOSES OF THE HOME

It seems to the Directors that the Home can best serve the present needs of the community by continuing to devote its resources for the most part to the temporary care of patients with pulmonary tuberculosis. Owing to the length of the waiting lists for admission to the State Sanatoria, there may be a delay of two to three months before patients with pulmonary tuberculosis can enter these institutions. By their immediate removal from unfavorable conditions at home, they can at once be given the benefit of proper care and attention, and the danger of the spread of the disease to other members of the family is immediately prevented.

The Home is of much educational value to the Harvard Medical students, who serve as assistants and perform much of the routine work of the clinic under the supervision of the Visiting Physician. The patients are of assistance in furnishing material for classes in Physical Diagnosis, conducted by the Visiting Physician.

The Home exerts an important educational influence on the community. By a course of strict training the patients are instructed in the sources of danger to others, thus diminishing the chance of infection from those who are dis-

charged and serving as a useful example to the numerous relatives and friends who visit the institution.

Every patient is examined after admission by the Visiting Physician, who prescribes treatment and follows the case at his subsequent visits. The House Officers are in daily attendance and carry on the routine laboratory work, history taking, keeping up of records, etc. In addition to his regular visits, the Visiting Physician attends the Home at such other times as the condition of the patients demands. This has proved a satisfactory method for keeping in touch with and observing the patients, and of affording them all the medical care they need.

LADIES COMMITTEE

In 1916 the ladies of the Board organized as a Ladies Committee, to meet every month and discuss all matters relating to the household administration. A Visitor for the month is appointed who visits the Home each week, thus keeping in close touch with the Matron and patients, and contributing in many ways to the comfort and contentment of those to whom the Home ministers. Such visits lead often to a more intimate knowledge of the patient's affairs, and to the opportunity for wider service.

The reluctance, so often manifested, of the patients to leave the Home and to go to the larger Sanatoria, is a happy guarantee of the cheerful and pleasant atmosphere which they find here.

FEES FROM PATIENTS

All patients were originally treated free, but in recent years a fee of \$5.00 is charged to all patients able to pay.

Those coming from outside towns where there is no State provision made for tuberculous patients have their fees paid by such towns.

MEDICAL REPORT

To Jan. 1, 1919, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-six patients have been admitted to the Home.

On Dec. 31, 1916, there were twenty-one patients in the Home. During the two years ending Dec. 31, 1918, two hundred and thirty-six patients were admitted. Thus two hundred and fifty-seven patients are on record for the two years which have elapsed since the last report. Of this number eight suspected of having tuberculosis proved not to have it. The remaining two hundred and forty-nine patients had pulmonary tuberculosis and may be classed according to the stage of their disease as follows :

Incipient	.	.	.	.	52
Moderately advanced	.	.	.	.	140
Far advanced	.	.	.	.	57

An improvement has been obtained under treatment in all the incipient cases. Of two hundred and forty-nine cases, twenty-one have died. There are fifteen tuberculous patients now in the Home and two hundred and twenty-one have been discharged during the two years.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

It is with great regret that the Directors announce the resignation of Dr. F. T. Lord as Visiting Physician to the Home.

For twenty years Dr. Lord has rendered unflagging and

devoted service, first as one of a staff of three physicians which constituted the Medical Service of the Home, and since as physician in charge with one or two assistants. During these years the Home has had the advantage of his untiring interest and progressive and enlightened policy in all matters relating to the problems of tuberculosis, and it is largely due to his wisdom and efforts that the Home has attained its present high standing in the community.

Although prevented by more urgent duties from remaining as physician in charge, Dr. Lord will continue as one of the Directors, so that the Board may still look forward to the benefit of his advice, and it is with the heartiest appreciation of his work and thanks for his service that the Directors reluctantly accept his resignation.

Dr. Leslie H. Spooner, whose resignation has also been tendered, has likewise given the Home the benefit of his skill for several years. To him and to Dr. Gerald Blake, who took Dr. Spooner's place during the War, and gave most valuable service, the Directors wish to express their warmest thanks.

They wish also to place on record their grateful appreciation of the faithful and willing service so constantly rendered by the physicians and their assistants, and to acknowledge the devotion and efficiency of the Matron.

The many gifts of furnishings, fruits, flowers, etc., sent by the friends of the Home named on following pages, are most gratefully acknowledged by the Directors. It is hoped that this helpful interest may continue through the coming year, and that those who have aided the Home financially will continue their generous contributions.

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THE CHANNING HOME, *in account with*JAMES P. PARMENTER, *Treasurer**December 31, 1916, to December 31, 1917*

DR.

Interest on Mortgage	\$225.00
Interest on Bonds	5,110.00
Dividends on Stocks	2,265.00
Trustees of E. V. Ashton Estate	2,000.00
R. B. Brigham Estate, Annuity	1,000.00
Board of Patients	2,550.74
Gifts and Subscriptions	1,450.00
Interest on Bank Deposit	135.20
	\$14,735.94

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Ordinary Expenses of Home	\$12,760.69
Sundries	135.57
Repaid to Principal Account	1,790.72
Balance to next account	48.96
	\$14,735.94

JAMES P. PARMENTER, *Treasurer*

January 9, 1918

THE CHANNING HOME, *in account with*JAMES P. PARMENTER, *Treasurer**December 31, 1917, to December 31, 1918*

DR.

Balance from Last Account	\$48.96
Interest on Bonds	4,633.75
Dividends on Stocks	2,065.00
Trustees of E. V. Ashton Estate	2,015.00
R. B. Brigham Estate, Annuity	1,000.00
Board of Patients	2,968.42
Gifts and Subscriptions	1,025.00
Interest on Bank Deposit	84.97
	\$13,841.10

CR.

Ordinary Expenses of Home	\$12,348.64
Sundries	54.70
Invested as Principal	1,036.29
Balance to Next Account	401.47
	\$13,841.10

JAMES P. PARMENTER, *Treasurer*

January 8, 1919

